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REASONS: 1.5 (B) AND (D).

¶1. (C) ON JANUARY 23, POST DELIVERED REFTEL TALKING
POINTS TO ALFRED MUTIWAZUKA, THE PRINCIPAL
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (PAO) IN THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS OFFICE OF ZIMBABWE'S MFA. IN A FOLLOW-UP
CONVERSATION WITH MUTIWAZUKA ON JANUARY 24, POLOFF
LEARNED THAT ZIMBABWE IS SENDING JUSTICE MINISTER
PATRICK CHINAMASA AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM ITS GENEVA
MISSION TO REPRESENT IT AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST
RACISM PREPCOM MEETING IN DAKAR. MUTIWAZUKA SAID THAT
HE DID NOT YET HAVE ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO OUR
POINTS, AS ONE WAS STILL BEING DEVELOPED IN HIS OFFICE.
HOWEVER, A LETTER WITH OUR POINTS ATTACHED WOULD BE SENT
TO ZIMBABWE'S DAKAR MISSION BEFORE THE PREPCOM MEETING
BEGINS JANUARY 27, THE PAO STATED.

¶2. (C) COMMENT: IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT ZIMBABWE
IS SENDING ITS JUSTICE MINISTER, RATHER THAN A SENIOR
MFA OFFICIAL, TO THE SENEGAL MEETING. THIS SUGGESTS
THAT ZIMBABWE MAY BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE DAKAR DRAFT'S
CALL FOR REPARATIONS FOR THE SLAVE TRADE. SUCH A POLICY
WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE'S
RECENT PUBLIC RHETORIC AGAINST COLONIALISTS AND WHITES,
WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN SPOUTED BY MINISTER CHINAMASA. END
COMMENT.

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